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a 1. A method of treating or ameliorating body wasting or cachexia in a patient with liver cirrhosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic renal failure, diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis in a patient the method comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a compound that is able to reduce the production, absorption and/or the effect of an endotoxin (lipopolysaccharide; LPS).

2.(amended) A method according to claim 1, further treating, preventing or ameliorating endotoxin-mediated immune activation in body wasting or cachexia in a patient with liver cirrhosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic renal failure, diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis the method comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a compound that is able to reduce the production, absorption and/or the effect of an endotoxin (lipopolysaccharide; LPS).

3.(amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is able to bind to an endotoxin (lipopolysaccharide; LPS) molecule.

4.(amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is able to reduce the available endotoxin in the patient.

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5.(amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is a bile acid.

6.(amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the bile acid is any one of ursodesoxycholic acid, chemodeoxycholic acid, dehydrocholic acid, cholic acid and deoxycholic acid.

7.(amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is LPS binding protein.

8.(amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is bactericidal/permeability increasing protein (BPI).

9.(amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is, a lipoprotein, for instance, low density lipoprotein (LDL), high density lipoprotein (HDL), very low density lipoprotein (VLDL), apolipoprotein (a), a lipoprotein mixture.

10.(amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the treatment is a combination of a compound according claim 7 and claim 9.

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11.(amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is or an antibody capable of binding to endotoxin (lipopolysaccharide; LPS).

12.(amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is or an antibody capable of binding to endotoxin (lipopolysaccharide; LPS).

13.(amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is an antibody able to bind to the CD14 receptor.

14.(amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is a soluble CD 14 receptor.

15. (amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is a drug blocking effectively signaling through toll-like receptors, for instance toll-like receptor 4 and toll-like receptor 2.

16.(amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is colostrum of human, bovine, or other mamallian origin.

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17. (amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is able to inhibit the response by a cell to endotoxin (lipopolysaccharide; LPS).

18. (amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is able to decrease the cytokine production by a cell in response to endotoxin (lipopolysaccharide; LPS).

19. (amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is a compound named in claim 5 to 16.

20. (amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is administered orally.

21. (amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is administered intravenously.

22. (amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is administered rectally.

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